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SUBJECT: Libyan Nationalization of BP

1. Department has been informed [redacted] B4 that LARG has requested Hunt to market BP's nationalized share of production from former BP/Hunt concession. LARG has also requested Hunt to recruit technicians to help run operations (presumably in anticipation of withdrawal many ex-BP expatriate employees).

2. Hunt thus placed on horns of dilemma. Behind Libyan request is implication of readiness to take action against Hunt should it fail to comply. Hunt and BP have called meeting of industry policy group for December 13 in New York, at which decision will be taken on answer to LARG request. END

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